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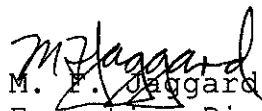
Subj: CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

FAR 9.405 states that contractors "debarred, suspended or proposed for debarment are excluded from receiving contracts, and agencies shall not solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with these contractors, unless the agency head or a designee determines that there is a compelling reason for such action."

Information on contractor suspension and debarment in general, and information on the suspension/debarment status of individual contractors, is available online at:

<http://epls.arnet.gov/epl/owa/epls.main menu>

Please remind all your contracting personnel that before awarding any contract or purchase order, they should check on the prospective contractor's suspension/debarment status to confirm the contractor is eligible for award.


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